

Remarks

Reconsideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested. Some claims have been rejected, some claims have been allowed, and other claims have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Specifically, the claim status is as follows:

<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Rejected on Substantive Grounds</u>	<u>Indicated as being Allowable</u>
<u>Claims</u> 15-23	1, 2, 9, 10, (11?), and 24	3-8 and 12-14

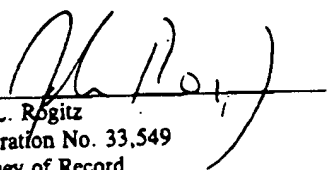
To overcome the rejections, independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of now-canceled Claim 3 which had been indicated as being allowable (i.e., the elevator). Further, independent Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of now-canceled Claim 12 which had been indicated as being allowable (i.e., the elevator). Independent Claim 24 has been canceled.

Applicants respectfully assert that the now-claimed combination of structure of independent claims 1 and 9 (and their respective dependent claims) is patentably distinct from the cited references, and they accordingly request an Early Notification of Allowance. The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (619) 338-8075 for any reason which would advance the instant application to allowance.

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